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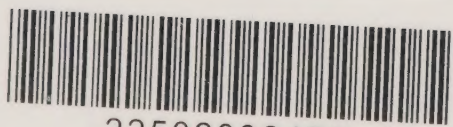
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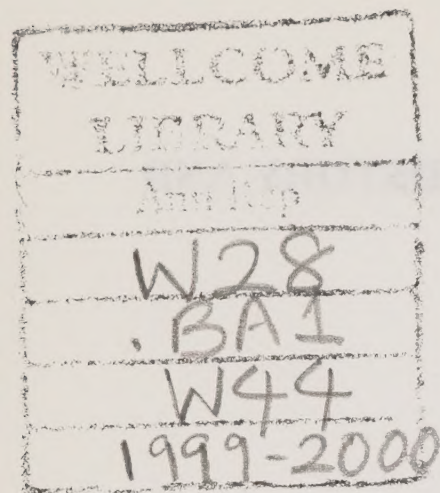
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Dr William Lennard (1803-1866), Sheffield general practitioner, holding a stethoscope, c.1860 (MS. 7815/14)

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INTRODUCTION

Merger of the Contemporary Medical Archives Centre (CMAC) and Western Manuscripts Department took place on 1 July 2000 with the formation of a new **Archives and Manuscripts** section of the Wellcome Library. Since this review covers a year during most of which the two departments maintained their separate identities, we continue to observe the distinction here: it would clearly be tiresome to attempt to distinguish and report separately activities either side of the point of formal merger.

The CMAC was established in 1979 and has attracted a large number of important acquisitions by gift, deposit and occasionally purchase. The 5th edition of the *Guide* to those acquisitions will be published early in 2001, covering all 545 of the collections received by the Centre during those 21 years. There are finding aids and catalogues to many of those collections and it is gratifying to note that they are well used by researchers from all over the world.

Developing the collections continues to be of central importance. The activities listed under 'Pending' and 'Promised' in this review clearly show that surveys and acquisitions work remain high on the agenda. This year we were delighted to receive the papers of Sir Terence English, the world-renowned cardiothoracic surgeon. In addition, the creation of finding aids continues apace: it is good to be able to report completion of the Parkes Weber list and substantial progress in cataloguing the Cancer Research Campaign material. During the coming months we will also contribute to the AIM25 archive networking project of universities and related institutions. This will mean that standardized collection level data about our holdings will be mounted on the A2A (Access to Archives) website, with a subject search facility, ultimately disseminating knowledge of our collections to a wider audience.

A related enterprise with which we are associated is the London and the Wider World project, which aims to convert hard-copy descriptions of archive material relating to Britain's relations with the world beyond Europe to electronic form. Our holdings in this area are strong: descriptions of well over 500 items, largely from the Western Manuscripts series, have been identified and submitted to the project.

The end-product will be detailed electronic descriptions cast in accordance with the ISAD(G) standard and mounted on the A2A website. They will also be suitable to import into the Wellcome Library's own automated archive catalogue, which will begin to be populated with data in 2001.

The A2A (Access to Archives) project is coordinated by the Public Record Office. Another relevant PRO activity this year was the web-mounting of lists of hospital archives, material held mainly in local authority repositories. Access to these lists will be linked to the Hospital Records Project, which is jointly run by the PRO and the Wellcome Trust and whose database may be consulted at <http://hospitalrecords.pro.gov.uk/>.

ACCESSIONS

Western Manuscripts

The year was dominated by two themes, household medicine and foreign travel. The importance of recipe collections in documenting domestic healthcare in the pre-modern period has been frequently mentioned in these reviews. During the year we acquired a further dozen or so English recipe books, dating from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries, to help consolidate the Wellcome collection as the most important collection of early modern English medical recipe books in the world.

As is usually the case, most of the new acquisitions were compiled or owned by women, who often identify themselves in dated ownership inscriptions. They include Frances Tyrrell, 1682 (**MS.7822**), Mary Peacock, 1699 (**MS.7787**), and Dorothea Repps, 1703 (**MS.7788**). The Repps were a Norfolk family, the Tyrrells apparently Londoners, but nothing is known of the Peacocks. A fourth early recipe book bears no clear ownership inscription, but is notable for entries organised under four separate heads, 'Physicall Receites', 'Excellent Receites for Chirurgery', 'Receites of Curiosity' and 'Receites of good Huswifrye' (**MS.7818**). The distinction between the last two categories is not entirely plain, but the arrangement indicates nonetheless an orderly mind, in contrast to the more usual magpie-like quality of such collections. What they lack in coherence the less well-organised collections sometimes make up for in immediacy and telling detail: Frances Tyrrell's book reveals a good deal in passing about her family, with references to her (?) son Frank, her servants, and other family members, as well as medical professionals. The impression strongly conveyed by such collections – a conclusion already well established by medical historians – is the extent to which the various professionals were competing in delivering medical treatment and advice not only with each other but with a range of lay authorities and experts. Perhaps it was the struggle to establish their status and difference from lay practitioners that encouraged so many humble surgeons and apothecaries without MDs to call themselves 'doctor', a trend well under way in the early modern period.

The theme of foreign travel is also a familiar one from previous surveys of accessions of manuscripts. This year we acquired two accounts of continental travel written either side of the Napoleonic hiatus by two contrasting Englishmen. The first was written by a young Cambridge medical student, William Makepeace Thackeray (a cousin of the novelist), who visited Paris in the summer of 1792 (**MS.7790**).

To stop a Looseness

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Take the Quantity of a Nutmeg of conserve of red Roses, and double the Quantity of Beall scraped, mix these together and take it and 3 hours after doe so again and continue taking the like quantity every 3 hours till it stops — M. Hayard.

For Worms

Of Rose Wormwood, Featherfew, Double Tansy, Baresfoot, Fabry lavender Chon each a handfull, a dosen cloves of garlick, shred them small stamp them and put a pound of Hogs suet to them, boyle them till the brine be thoroughly incorporated, then strain it and put it into a pot about the stomach with it night and morning for 3 Days and lay on a peece of paper the shape of a Heart —

Shrub

Take 12 Lemons pare of 4 outward rind very thin into a gallon of Brandy and put in the Juice, then take 6 quarts of water and steep the white rind 12 hours in it, straine it out and put in 2 pound of sugar and the whites of 4 eggs well beaten. Let it boyle halfe an houre, and when its cold mix it with your Brandy, put in 2 quarts of Rhenish wine, and let it run thro a flannel bagg into a Vessel. Let it stand a fortnight, and Bottle it —

M^r Gurdons, Pitt Water

Is told by Dr. Amys of Norwich, it is to be given halfe a spoonfull in 4th or if before the fitt comes in better, if you can perceive any symptome of it, but if not then give a small sweetmeat spoonfull going to bed, if its difficult to get it downe Rubb of gums without and the strangle will force open the mouth to take it —

To make Daffs Elixir

Take, Tena, Aquimbita, Licorish, coriander seed, sweet fennell seed each 4 ounces, gentian root, aniseeds, caraway seeds, each 2 ounces, Rubes & halfe an ounce, Armons of 4th pint, stoned 2 or 3 pound, Lincompane, one pound Bruise the seeds, slice the roots, and infuse them in a gallon of the best Brandy for a month then straine it thro a flannel bagg and bottle it for your use, you may poure on 3 pintes of Brandy more upon 4 Ingredients and let it stand 6 weeks or 2 months, in a stove or some warme place then straine it and bottle it. Take 3 spoonfull in 4th Evening and 3 more in the morning and drink a draught of warme ale 2 hours after it —

Thackeray's account begins with all the excitement and anticipation of an eager observer of the unfolding political crisis in France, although his main reasons for visiting Paris were to attend medical lectures and demonstrations and learn French. But he was an innocent abroad, and seems to have been rudely shocked by the outburst of serious bloodshed at the sack of the Tuileries on 10 August 1792. His diary breaks off abruptly soon after this point, indicating presumably a hurried return to England. The other continental diarist is anonymous, although internal evidence suggests he was a young Quaker physician or medical student. In company with the writer Benjamin Dockray, he undertook a tour via Paris to Switzerland, northern Italy and back to Paris again in the latter part of 1818 (MS.7833). His account is fragmentary, consisting of an incomplete contemporaneous series of notes and a later, partial fair-copy journal, perhaps written up with a view to publication. The reasons for the tour are not explicit, but the travellers paid particular attention to hospitals, asylums and prisons, and may have been engaged on some sort of fact-finding tour sponsored by the Society of Friends.

Medical education is another recurring theme in our accessions. Of the two great modern centres of medical education in Britain, London is represented this year by student notes of midwifery lectures at Guy's Hospital given by William Lowder, 1786 (MS.7789) and John Haighton, 1810 (MS.7836), and documents relating to the anatomical museum at St Thomas's Hospital (MS.7804). Debate arose over whether this collection was the personal property of the lecturers or belonged to the hospital; it had been in the joint possession of the surgeons Sir Astley Cooper (1768–1841) and Henry Green (1791–1863) when they were lecturers on Anatomy and Surgery at St. Thomas's, and on Cooper's resignation there was discussion whether Green had to purchase his share in the collection. The papers here document the solution to the problem, in which the Mayor and Commonalty of London, as Governors of St. Thomas's, paid both men £1000 for their rights in the collection.

The other great centre, Edinburgh, is represented by case histories from the Royal Infirmary recorded in the notebook of the surgeon John Grove, 1814 (MS.7817). In 1997 we reported the acquisition of a student's journal documenting cases in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh in 1805–6 (MS.7410), *Annual Review*, 1996–97, p.6. The thirty or so cases recorded at the back of Grove's notebook were also no doubt from the Infirmary. John Grove seems to have been working as a surgeon in London prior to matriculating as a student at Edinburgh; his notebook contains various

memoranda, recipes and case histories, mainly relating to venereal disease, from the first decade of the century. He graduated MD in 1817 and subsequently practised at Fern, Wiltshire. His Infirmary case notes bring to seven the number of such manuscripts in the collection; they document clinical practice there for a period when the Infirmary's own clinical records have not survived (MSS.2595, 2933, 5939, 6053, 6920, 7410, 7817).

The growing interest in the records of veterinary science and practice was marked during the year by the completion of the Business Archives Council's database of historical records of veterinary medicine. The Wellcome remit has always encompassed animal as well as human medicine, and this year we made an interesting addition to our holdings with the purchase of a set of formal minutes of lectures by Edward Coleman at the London Veterinary College, c. 1822 (MS.7794). Although entitled veterinary, the lectures are in fact exclusively concerned with horse medicine. Coleman was a young surgeon at St Thomas's Hospital with no veterinary experience when he was appointed Professor to the College in 1794. By the 1820s his course was held in such low regard that not only did one of the London College's graduates, William Dick, decide to found a rival school at Edinburgh, but the veterinary magazine, *The Farrier and Naturalist*, denounced the College as 'one of the most rotten public establishments in England'. Quite what the purpose of these formal minutes of Coleman's lectures was is not clear: they do not look like the work of a student, but may be a semi-official transcript copied for sale or publication.

In the same year that the fledgling *Farrier and Naturalist* lambasted Coleman, a notorious outbreak of yellow fever struck the garrison of Gibraltar. The disease seems to have first visited Gibraltar in 1804, when it predominantly affected the civilian population; as the survivors of the first epidemic thereby acquired immunity, subsequent outbreaks of yellow fever at Gibraltar disproportionately impacted on the military garrison. The papers of Sir George Ballingall in our collection contain a copy of a letter giving statistics of morbidity and mortality in the garrison during the epidemics of 1813 and 1828 (MS.6905/15). We have now acquired further documentation on the 1828 epidemic in the form of a day-by-day account of the progress of the disease by a local merchant (MS.7817/2). The manuscript was kindly donated by Professor Michael Warren. The account provides an illuminating lay perspective on an epidemic which is usually reported in the dry, official language of the medical profession: victims are

named, rumours retailed (from the number of prostitutes in the garrison to the death of an army surgeon who had already survived a dose of the infection but then tested the theory of immunity by sleeping in another victim's bed), and official notices transcribed. Anticipating at Christmas the imminent relaxation of quarantine restrictions, as the disease had seemingly run its course, the reporter notes that "we shall be like a parcel [sic] of sailors just got on shore".

One of Edward Coleman's students when he lectured at Guy's Hospital was John Flint South (1797–1882), later a noted surgeon; his notes on Coleman's lectures taken in 1817 are in the collection (**MS.1709**). His chief interest during the latter part of his life was the history of surgery, and the fruits of his researches were published posthumously by D'Arcy Power in 1886. An early record of South's historical work surfaced mysteriously at auction in 1999, in the form of a notebook containing memoranda on the history of surgery made in the early 1850s (**MS.7793**). The diaries that South kept throughout his life, mentioned by Power in his *DNB* article on South, do not seem to have survived, so that this notebook may be the sole extant record of South's research, apart from scattered correspondence. The volume also contains a sprinkling of odd diary entries, including one for 29 May 1857: "saw the new Reading Room of the British Museum and got my ticket renewed. Catalogue now finished in 300 vols, arranged round the circular table in the centre of the Room ... within this is a circular table where the sublibrarians sit to take your ticket for Books ...". This description would have been instantly recognisable to every user of the Round Reading Room for the next one hundred and forty years.

Summary list of accessions

Recipe books of Frances Tyrrell, 1682, Mary Peacock, 1699, and Dorothea Repps, 1703. **MSS. 7822, 7787–7788**

Miscellaneous medical, cookery and household recipe collections, 17th–19th cents. *English* and *French*. **MSS. 7814, 7818–7819, 7821, 7832, 7834–7835**

Notebook of an anonymous English commentator on the Low Countries, containing some medical entries, early 18th cent. **MS. 7820**

Diaries, certificates and ephemera relating to Dr E Roche, of Norfolk, and other members of the Roche family, 18th cent.–early 20th cent. **Reference not yet assigned**

Notes of lectures on midwifery given by William Lowder, London, 1787. **MS. 7789**

Parisian journal of W M Thackeray, medical student, 1792. **MS. 7790**

Case book of John Grove, surgeon, c. 1804–1814. **MS. 7817**

Documents relating to outbreaks of yellow fever at Gibraltar, 1804, 1828. **MS. 7816**

Notes on John Haighton's *Syllabus of lectures on midwifery*, Guy's Hospital, 1808. **MS. 7836**

Continental journal of an anonymous Quaker medical man, 1818. **MS. 7833**

Transcript of lectures on veterinary medicine given by Edward Coleman, London, c. 1822. **MS. 7794**

Documents relating to the anatomical museum at St Thomas's Hospital, 1825–29. **MS. 7804**

Prescription notebook of Cornelius Fletcher, Nottinghamshire chemist, 1827. **MS. 7791**

Papers by and relating to William Lennard (1803–1866) MD, general practitioner, Sheffield, 19th cent.–c. 1994. **MS. 7815**

Notebook of John Flint South, surgeon, containing memoranda on the history of surgery, c. 1849–57. **MS. 7793**

Albright family recipe book, London, later 19th cent. **MS. 7792**

Letters and papers relating to the health of Lord Palmerston, 1857–64. **MS. 7824**

Transcript of Charles Knowlton's *Fruits of Philosophy*, 1833, pioneering birth control text, later 19th cent. **MS. 7812**

Stock book of Hedges & Son, chemists, Birmingham, 1881-96. **MS. 7813**

Autograph letters and documents by the following: William Banting (1797–1878), Sir Benjamin Collins Brodie (1783–1862), John Elliotson (1791–1868), Henry Jenner (1767–1851), Sir Richard Quain (1800–1887), and others.

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There were 44 new accessions during 1999/2000 (a few more than last year), of which 24 (a substantial increase) were additions to collections already held here, indicated by an asterisk in the list below. Some collections were received in more than one accession, while in other cases a single accession included more than one collection, thus there are 42 collections actually listed below. Among the larger and more important new collections received, we were delighted to accept the records of the predecessor bodies which merged to form MedAct in 1992, the Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons and the Medical Association for the Prevention of War, which make a substantial addition to our materials relating to medical humanitarian endeavour. The records of Women's Health Concern consist largely of letters from the general public on various common gynaecological problems: initially set up to promote more extensive knowledge about Hormone Replacement Therapy in menopause, this body soon diversified into providing information on a range of female health problems. It provides a tranche of patient's eye material from the 1970s onwards rather like the letters to Marie Stopes about birth control and marital problems of the 1920s and 30s and Grantly Dick-Read's letters from mothers about their experiences of childbirth in the 1940s and 50s. A smaller collection, the papers of George Cuthbert M M'Gonigle (1888–1939), Medical Officer of Health, has interesting connections with a number of existing holdings, reflecting as it does his career in public health, including a particular interest in nutrition, his concern with the and his involvement with the Interdepartmental Committee (Birkett Committee) on Abortion, 1920s-1930s. Towards the end of the reporting year we received the papers of Sir Terence English, mainly relating to cardiac transplantation, a field hitherto little documented in our collections.

Abortion Law Reform Association*

Further records, 1970s–1990s

Deposited by Jane Roe of ALRA

SA/ALR

Archives of Oral Biology

Papers relating to the founding of *Archives of Oral Biology*, 1959

Given by Professor A E W Miles

GC/266

Association of Medical Microbiologists

AGM minutes, leaflets (old and current) on common infections produced by the Association, lists of officers, meetings programmes, membership lists, copies of constitutions, publications, 1983–99

Given by Dr E P Wright, Publications Secretary to the Association **SA/AMM**

Bristol ethnic minorities health investigation*

13 audio-cassette tapes, 1987

Deposited by Steven Fenton via Qualidata

GC/210

British Abstracts of Medical Sciences

Minutes and correspondence relating to the journal *British Abstracts of Medical Sciences*, 1953–72

Given by Professor A E W Miles

GC/266

British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy*

Meetings programmes, photographs, membership directories, newsletters 1990s–2000

Gift from Professor David Greenwood of the Society

SA/AMC

British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

Correspondence and papers re Guide for Purchasers 1992–1996/7, postgraduate training 1992–95, and speciality recognition for paediatric gastroenterology, 1986–95; Correspondence with British Paediatric Association, 1990–95 and minutes of various BPA committees etc., 1986–95; Membership records and CVs, 1987–99

Given by BSPGHAN via Dr Huw R Jenkins, BSPGHAN Secretary
SA/GHN

Burroughs, Silas Mainville (1846–1895) Manufacturing chemist and co-founder of Burroughs Wellcome & Co*

17 letter books, 1881–82. Plus transcripts and other miscellaneous papers mainly re his estate after death, including notes on Burroughs family history by Len and Marie Goodwin for the video on Burroughs

Purchased from Richard (his grandson) and Joan Stillwell **PP/SMB**

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy*

Annual Congress programmes; brochures and leaflets; correspondence; Royal Charter and Bye-laws; The Journal of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy; Journal Committee minutes, 1950s–1990s

On permanent loan from Chartered Society of Physiotherapy SA/CSP

CONCERN: campaign for the homeless mentally ill

Minutes etc of meetings; press releases; conference papers; correspondence, 1980s–1990s

Given by Dr Doris Hollander

SA/CON

Doll, Sir Richard, OBE, FRS, FRCP (b.1912) Epidemiologist*

Papers relating to asbestosis and lung cancer and vinyl chloride and liver cancer, 1970s–1990s

Given by Sir Richard Doll

PP/DOL

English, Sir Terence, FRCS, FRCP (b.1932) Cardiothoracic surgeon

Correspondence, lectures, talks etc relating to heart transplants and organ donation, Papworth Hospital, UK Surgical Register, British Heart Foundation etc, 1970s–1990s. Royal College of Surgeons archives will be transferred to them.

Given by Sir Terence English

PP/ENG

Essex Road Electrical and Light Clinic, Dartford

Cash book from Essex Road Electrical and Light Clinic, Dartford, 1935–38

Given by Mr Moore, Market Harborough

GC/272

European Society against Virus Diseases

Records of European Society Against Viral Diseases, 1975–1980s, and European Group for Rapid Viral Diagnosis, 1975–1990s, which amalgamated to form this society in 1997

Given by ESVD via Dr Jennifer Best, Vice-Chairman

SA/ESV

Fairfield, (Josephine) Letitia Denny, CBE, MD, DPH (1885–1978)*

Material on social hygiene in Malta, 1938; medical matters generally, 1920s–50s; Ireland, 1911–70

Given by Imperial War Museum (with the approval of Alison Selford, Fairfield's great-niece, who originally placed them there)

GC/193

Grays (Essex) General Practice*

3 volumes: one from Poplar Hospital (abstracts of major case notes), 1952, and two from the Benedictine Mission Hospital, Nkandhla, Zululand (theatre log and original case notes), 1956-61

Given by Dr J A Hofmeyr

GP/2

Group Analytical Society*

Minutes, membership files and journals, 1970s-1990s

Given by GAS

SA/GAS

Health Visitors' Association*

Leaflets, circulars, election of officers information, 1980s

On permanent loan from the CPHVA

SA/HVA

History of Rheumatology in the United Kingdom, 50 years of progress

Transcripts of interviews, 1997-98

Given by Dr Allan St J Dixon

GC/275

Holden, John, FRCGP (b. 1953) *

Certificates of cause of death, 1986-99; visits books, 1998-99; Haydock Medical Centre Annual Report, 1996-99; reprints, 1998-2000; practice appointments book, 1998; items relating to the GMC, 1998-99; papers relating to MMAAFF, 1998-99

Given by Dr Holden

GP/19

Hospital Infection Society*

Papers relating mostly to the 4th International Conference 1998. Also includes some papers relating to other international conferences and committee papers, 1990s

On permanent loan from the Society

SA/HIS

International Confederation of Midwives*

Minutes, correspondence, reports, committee papers, council papers etc, 1980s-1990s

Given by the ICM

SA/ICM

Johnson, Richard Turner , OBE, FRCS (1912-1996) Neurosurgeon *

Clinical notes from No.3 Mobile Neurosurgical Unit Burma, 1942-43 and other papers covering c.1931-1950

Given by Mr T King

PP/RTJ

Lamb, Dr James, general practitioner

Notes on various medical conditions, with some correspondence, c.1898–1902

Received from grandson, Dr Tim Burrell

GC/278

Ledermann, Erich Kurt, homeopathic physician

Autobiographical work 'Personal steps to holistic medicine, 1908–1999'

Given by Dr Ledermann

GC/17

M'Gonigle, George Cuthbert M (1888–1939), Medical Officer of Health

Material, 1920s–1930s, relating to his career in public health, including work on nutrition, his publication 'Poverty and the People', and involvement with Interdepartmental (Birkett) Committee on Abortion

Given by Dr Flind, his great-nephew by marriage

GC/264

MedAct

Files relating to the Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (f. 1980) and the Medical Association for the Prevention of War (f. 1951), which merged in 1992 to form MedAct, and also the launch of MedAct, 1951–96

Given by MedAct

SA/MED

Medical Women's Federation*

Papers relating to equal opportunities, international congresses; Council papers etc, 1970s–1990s

On permanent loan from MWF

SA/MWF

Murant, Arthur Ernest, FRS (1904–1994) Haematologist and geologist

Personal papers and papers relating to his career, 1919–96

Given by Mrs Mourant via National Cataloguing Unit for the Archives of Contemporary Scientists

P/AEM

Neonatal Society*

Agendas and minutes of Neonatal Society Committee and AGMs, Feb 1977–March 1997 (incomplete); handbooks, 1995 and 1999; correspondence, 1995–97

Given by Dr Neena Modi of the Society

SA/NNS

Nursing certificate

Nurse training certificate of Mona Ethel Ruth Wolff, Kimberley Hospital, 1924

Given by M Gill

GC/90

Patients' Association*

Publications, articles, correspondence, annual reports, newsletters, 1980s–1990s

Given by Linda Lamont of the Patients' Association

SA/PAT

Queen's Nursing Institute*

Charters, including the Charter of Incorporation, 1889

On permanent loan from the QNI

SA/QNI

Robb-Smith, Alastair Hamish Tearloch (1908–2000) *

Letters from Sir William Paton, 1980–82, to Robb Smith re Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, with associated material

Purchased from David and Lynn Smith, Antiquarian and Secondhand Booksellers

GC/182

Ross, Sir (James) Keith Bt, RDMS, FRCS, (b. 1927) *

3 files of papers, including correspondence, notes and newspaper cuttings, relating to cardiac transplantation, 1960s–1990s

Given by Sir Keith Ross via Dr Tilli Tansey, Wellcome Academic Unit

GC/238

Society for Research into Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida

Material relating to the Society for research into Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida, including AGM minutes and papers, photographs, correspondence, publications, 1950s–1990s

Received from Roger Cudmore of the Society

SA/SRH

Society of Medical Officers of Health/Society of Community Medicine/Society of Public Health*

Minute books of the Fluoridation Study Group of the Society of Medical Officers of Health and related files, covering 1958–83

Deposited by Mrs Pamela Usher, former Secretary of the Fluoridation Study Group of the Society

Papers of and re the Teaching Group, 1959–63, 1973 and 1994, Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society, 1973, report of a special committee on the future of the Society, 1966

Given by Professor Michael Warren

SA/SMO

Winter, Dr Hans Leo

Reprints, photographs, x-rays etc on orthopaedics, 1920s–1930s. Plus cuttings album

Given by Mr Winter, his son

GC/277

Women's Health Concern

Letters from women about a range of gynaecological health issues, also publications, 1970s–1990s

Given by Joan Jenkins, OBE, founder of Women's Health Concern

SA/WHC

World Federation of Right to Die Societies*

Financial files, 1996–97; 11th World Conference, ct 1996; correspondence, 1994–95

Given by Frank Dungey and World Federation of Right to Die Societies

SA/FRD

World Organisation of Gastroenterology*

1 box of records of the World Congress of Gastroenterology, 25–31 May 1958; 3 b/w photographs of senior officers, 1958; Minutes of Council, 1997–99, General Assembly 1998, journal 1996–2000

Given by the World Organisation of Gastroenterology

SA/OMG

Xray radiograph and medical reports 1922–33

Medical notes and x-ray of Miss Alison Wood taken by Dr Finzi, 1922–33

Given by Miss Alison Wood

GC/265

CMAC APPROACHES

Pending

Sir Donald Acheson: negotiations to purchase his diaries are in hand.

Rev Dr Anne Bayley: approached us re her papers on Kaposi's sarcoma and AIDS in Zambia and East Africa from her period working in Zambia at the time of the outbreak of the epidemic. The papers are still in current use but we expressed an interest in receiving them in due course.

Dr Paul Collingwood, general practitioner in West Hornsea, East Yorks: approached us to see whether we would be interested in taking in records of deceased patients of his practice. We indicated that in principle we should be, and await further developments.

Committee of Occupational Therapists for the European Union: contacted CMAC about the possibility of housing these here, which we agreed to in principle.

Dr Philip Evans and Dr Ian Tait: contacted us about some sample general practice patient records.

Infection Control Nurses Association: we were approached by Mrs S Morgan of the Association who was interested in doing something about their archives. We expressed an interest, but also mentioned that the Royal College of Nursing archives might be an appropriate home for this collection.

International League Against Epilepsy: members of the League came to the CMAC for preliminary discussions about what to do about their records which are widely dispersed.

International Society of Nephrology: Prof Weening of the Society came to the CMAC to discuss what they should do about looking after their archives (currently housed at the Amsterdam Medical Centre) and the possibility of transferring them to the Wellcome where they would be more accessible to interested researchers. A site visit was arranged during a forthcoming visit to Amsterdam by the Senior Assistant Archivist.

Jungian Archives Working Party: they were contacted about how matters were progressing. As there are five British Jungian organisations involved these are advancing slowly.

Macmillan Cancer Relief: as they contacted us in 1998 about the possibility of doing something about their archives, a letter enquiring about the current position was sent.

Medical Protection Society: contacted us with a view to discussing what to do about their archives.

Edith Morgan: approached us as to whether we would be interested in her papers relating to a long career of activity with National Association for Mental Health (MIND), and other organisations in the mental health field. Her personal files contain items which apparently no longer survive in the organisations' own archives. She is still active, but her papers would be of considerable research value and we would be extremely interested in taking them in due course.

Julie Morgan: a health visitor, approached us as to whether we would be interested in her student notes from the 1970s and 80s, and her certificates, in due course.

Dr Christine Murrell: Dr Katharine Watson, formerly of the Wellcome Academic Unit, informed us that a colleague at Wolfson College had a box of papers of this early twentieth century woman doctor (first woman on the GMC), and we indicated our interest in the material.

Oliver Memorial Fund (blood transfusion organisation): sent us a copy of the published history of the Fund, and we indicated that we would still be interested in its archives.

Graham Robertson FRCGP: asked whether we would be interested in material relating to his general practice. We indicated that we would, and await developments.

Ismond Rosen: a purchase offer has been made to the family.

Promised

Dr John Blair: National Service Medical Officers: records of his project, collecting reminiscences of medical men doing national service, will come here when the project is completed.

British Society of Endoscopy: to be transferred when they have undergone preliminary sorting and reduction.

Prof George Davey-Smith and Dr. Steve Fenton: 'Comparative Methods for Studying Socio-Economic Position and Health in Different Ethnic Groups': documentation from this survey offered to us by Louise Corti of Qualidata and accepted in principle.

Dr Mark Exworthy 'Understanding health variations and policy variations': documentation from this survey offered to us by Louise Corti of Qualidata and accepted in principle.

Prof Nigel Fielding and Dr Jo Moran-Ellis, 'Child Sexual Abuse': documentation from this survey offered to us by Louise Corti of Qualidata and accepted in principle.

Professor R. A. Kekwick: papers of biophysicist who worked for a long time at the Lister Institute, in particular its Blood Products Laboratory: currently being catalogued by NCUACS and to come to Wellcome Library.

Geoffrey Tweedale: records on asbestos research: the papers from his Wellcome Trust-funded project are to come here.

Lord Walton: has kindly offered to let Wellcome have his papers and they will come in the new year.

Referred

WHP Anderson of the Mission to Lepers: a box of memorabilia was passed on to us by the Theatre Museum, and we then passed it on to the International Office of the Leprosy Mission, which maintains an archive, as there was little of strictly medical interest.

Madeleine Harrower (nurse in the Boer War): we were informed via Susan McGann of the RCN that these papers were being offered for sale in Canada, but we decided against attempting to purchase them and referred the details to the Queen Alexandra's Museum and the National Army Museum.

Dr WT Orton, formerly Deputy MOH of Haringey: his collection of weekly bulletins of the Public Health Department referred to the Local Studies Library

Dr Frederick Parkes Weber: material from his papers relating to his numismatic and antiquarian interests was passed to the Department of Coins and Medals at the British Museum

Closed

Health Education Authority: there was some concern that the transfer of responsibilities in this area to a new Health Development Agency might have implications for the archives. It turned out that archives are routinely transferred to the PRO, but that there was a large reference collection of published material.

Oxford Survey of Childhood Cancers: although transfer of records to CMAC had been anticipated, these are being retained for research purposes in the Institute of Occupational Health at the University of Birmingham

Professor RB Welbourn: offered us the research materials for his book on endocrinology, but in the event they were reprints and books

Peggy Wynn: Susan Williams of the Institute of Education suggested that Mrs Wynn might have interesting papers on prenatal health issues, but it would appear that the material in her possession is mainly published.



*CHECK YOUR CALCULATIONS JONES —
THEY SEEM A LITTLE LARGE FOR PILLS*

FINDING AIDS

Western Manuscripts

The project to recatalogue the Autograph Letters collection and integrate it with the main series of Western Manuscripts was slowed by Chris Hilton's other commitments (most notably, work on the archives and manuscripts automation working group) but proceeded in the background throughout the year. A total of 137 files, comprising 446 documents, were processed. As in previous years, the personnel represented a rich mix of the medical and non-medical., from many different countries. Among the medical individuals were Sir Benjamin Collins Brodie (**MS.7802**), Sir William Watson Cheyne (**MS.7796**), Sir Charles Locock, (**MSS.7807–7808**), Sir Alexander Fleming, (**MS.7809**), and Benjamin Waterhouse, who introduced Jennerian vaccination to North America (**MS.7801**). Straddling medicine and physical science was the collection of correspondence generated by the Curie family: Pierre and Marie Curie, plus Paul Curie's doctor father, Eugène Curie, and grandfather, the homoeopathist Paul Curie (**MS.7811**). Naturalists included Nathaniel Wallich, plus his son George Charles Wallich, surgeon and naturalist (**MS.7805**); the traveller and eccentric Charles Waterton (**MS.7806**); and Alfred Russel Wallace (**MS.7798**). Spanning natural science and art was the American ornithologist and artist John James Audubon (**MS.7803**); also represented from American art was the history painter Benjamin West (**MS.7800/7**).

A collection of letters relating to Australasia, that had been removed from various points in the Autograph Letters sequence and brought together by theme some years ago, was catalogued as **MS.7830**. Figures represented in this collection include Sir Joseph Banks, Sir Alexander Fleming, Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, Sir William Jackson Hooker, Ludwig Leichhardt, Sir Charles Lyell, Bronislaw Malinowski, Nevil Maskelyne, Pomare, Queen of Tahiti, Sir Thomas Stanford Raffles and Alfred Russel Wallace. There is also a warrant signed by George IV authorising the removal of convicts from gaols in various counties to the hulks at Portsmouth prior to transportation. The collection also included a large number of papers by or relating to Sir John Franklin (1786–1847), while he was Governor of Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania), and his second wife Jane Franklin, *née* Griffin (1792–1875); this material, which includes a letter concerning a visit to England by Emma, Queen of Hawaii (d. 1885), was catalogued as **MS.7831**.

This new Franklin material was duly added to the Western Manuscripts sources guide on Polar manuscripts, and items from **MS.7830** that related to Indonesia augmented the already-lengthy Asia guide. However, the addition of so much new material on Australasia to the catalogue called for a new sources guide covering Australasia and the Pacific in their own right (no.10). This was compiled in the spring of 2000 and with its completion there now exist Western Manuscripts sources guides, regularly updated, to all areas of the globe beyond Europe, which continue to prove their worth to Library users.

Two projects carried over from 1998–99 were completed during the year. The Morson list (**SA/MOR**) was completed at the end of 1999, and the *Catalogue of Western Manuscripts, 5120–6244*, by Richard Palmer, was published in early 2000, followed by a launch party in the Library on 28 June.

CMAC

Revision and expansion of the existing *Guide* to the CMAC was undertaken, incorporating over new 300 collections received from 1995 up to the end of June 2000; this is almost ready to go to press.

New sources leaflets were produced on ‘Eastern Europe’ (no 47), ‘Occupational Health/Medicine’ (no 50), and Antibiotics (no. 51) and ‘Blood’ (no. 52). Existing leaflets continued to be regularly updated, and work is in hand to produce new integrated subject findings to reflect the amalgamation with Western Manuscripts.

The handlist to the large collection of papers of Frederick Parkes Weber, FRCP (1863–1962) was completed, and the existing database of the collection revised for public searching in the Wellcome Library (**PP/FPW**). This is an important collection which includes material on a enormous range of diseases and conditions, from abscesses to zoonoses, accumulated by Parkes Weber during a long and active life. He was particularly interested in rare diseases, and there are a number of unusual conditions named after him, but his papers include a good deal on less arcane topics, including substantial amounts on diseases such as syphilis and tuberculosis which were a good deal more common in his day. There are also case-notes from both his Harley Street practice (where he was consulted by many well-known names) and the German Hospital, where he was consultant physician. The collection includes a set of very fine clinical

photographs mainly from the 1890s and 1900s, principally of patients from the German Hospital, and in most cases these include notes on the case on the verso. Materials relating to Parkes Weber's collecting activities as a numismatist have been presented to the British Museum Department of Coins and Medals, to which he had given his artefact collections.

Final reorganisation of the archives of the Pioneer Health Centre Peckham, the Pioneer Health Centre Ltd (SA/PHC) and the associated papers of George Scott Williamson and Innes Hope Pearse took place and references were assigned. The list has been sent out for comment to the various members of PHC Ltd who assisted in identifying and dating the papers, and will be publicly available by the end of October 2000. It is gratifying to have this collection, in which much interest has been expressed over the years it has been here, in a fully accessible state. An interim box list has enabled the material to be produced to researchers but the material, which was received from several different locations and in a state of considerable disorder (it also became apparent that there were substantial lacunae among the surviving records), required several phases of sorting and reorganisation.

A draft list of the archive of the Cancer Research Campaign, formerly the British Empire Cancer Campaign (SA/CRC), covering 1923–1983, and totalling approximately 300 boxes, has been completed, but finalisation of this list awaits the outcome of discussions with the CRC about material still remaining in their offices and the weeding of grant files. This is an important archive of a major research charity in an area of continuing medical and scientific interest. Besides reflecting trends in cancer research since its foundation, it includes material on the education of the public about the prevention and curability of a condition often regarded with phobic horror. The collection also includes material on unorthodox suggestions for 'cancer cures' from the general public.

A draft list of the papers of the Medical Research Council Blood Group Unit (SA/BGU) was completed. The Blood Group Unit (BGU) was established in 1946 as a successor to the Galton Laboratory Serum Unit set up in 1935 by Professor Ronald Fisher, and quickly acquired an international reputation in the highly specialised field of typing blood group systems such as Rh and Xg. The Unit's archive spans the period 1927–1993, and includes Dr Robert Race's research notes on human genetic markers, late 1930s/early 1940s; a collection of photographs recording BGU staff at work and play, 1927–[1980s]; and last but not least,

the core series of blood group investigation files, 1942–1993. The personalities of Race and his colleagues shine through even the most technical files, and the archive's appeal lies in the combination of its creators' *joie de vivre* with its accessibility in both scientific and lay terms. The completed list and index will be available to readers in November 2000. Our thanks go to Dr Patricia Tippet, former director of the Blood Group Unit, for her invaluable advice during cataloguing.

A draft list of the papers of BACUP (British Association of Cancer United Patients) was completed (SA/BAC). The archive reflects the dedication and courage of its founder, Vicky Clement-Jones, herself a cancer sufferer, who worked tirelessly for BACUP until her death in 1987. The records of the organisation itself, with complete sets of minutes, annual reports and newsletters from 1985–93, provide a rich source for historians interested in support services and practical information available for cancer patients, both in the UK and internationally.

Louise Todd, an archive student at University College London, spent two weeks on listing placement during which she completed a handlist to the papers of John Cary Gilson FRCP (1912–1989), expert in occupational health and pulmonary diseases (GC/237). She returned during the summer to undertake the cataloguing of the archive of the British Society of Immunology (SA/BSI) as her dissertation project and this list is in the final editorial stages. Moira Lovegrove, who came on a short attachment as part of the UCL Archives course, produced a detailed listing of the Parkes Weber clinical photographs and also did some work on the FPA old branch files.

Victoria North, an archive student who came here as a volunteer, provided detailed descriptions for a substantial proportion of the old branch files (46 boxes) in the Family Planning Association archives. In addition she checked the Wellcome Archives Historical Medical Museum hard-copy handlists for box number/box label/ box content discrepancies and continued the work on the Newcombe papers (GP/32) of removing staples, paper clips etc and putting the papers into acid free folders.

Pamela Taylor completed the initial sorting and listing of the Freudenberg papers (PP/RKF), with funding generously provided by Mrs Peggy Sargent. Work proceeds on editing the box-list to produce a handlist.

The papers of Silas Burroughs (PP/SMB) were sorted and an outline arrangement and list completed.



Sikh soldiers encamped on the Western Front, c.1918. From the papers of Nurse Mary Knocker, listed during the year (GC/258/11)

A finalised list of the archives of the London Committee of Licensed Teachers of Anatomy (SA/LCA) was produced following negotiations with the Committee about disposing of ephemeral and duplicate material. An additional accession of Society of Medical Officers of Health material (SA/SMO), the papers of the Fluoridation Study Group, was integrated into the list. Numerous smaller collections were listed and existing lists amended and updated during the course of the year.

CONSERVATION AND REPROGRAPHY

Western Manuscripts

The Countess of Arundel's medical receipt book (**MS.213**) was conserved by Barbara Luff in the Wellcome studio during the year. This is both one of the most important and popular items in the collection and had suffered considerable attritional damage from handling over the years. The volume was dismantled, cleaned, resown and rebacked, with detached leaves reattached, and a box constructed. Another 17th-century recipe book (**MS.3500**), which was sent to an external conservator in July 1999 with a degraded binding and detached leaves, was rebound and boxed. A collection of certificates (**MS.7112**) was cleaned and flattened, and a large 18th-century advertisement for Webster's Diet Drink (**MS.7181/3**) repaired.

The refiling and boxing of the Autograph Letters collection continued as cataloguing progressed, and new accessions were foldered and boxed as appropriate.

The personal account book of Henry Wellcome, on loan from Glaxo Wellcome, was microfilmed and the film digitised on CD-Rom for use by the Wellcome company history project team.

Some ten other orders for microfilm were received, leading to production of negative films of seventeen manuscripts.

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The major conservation task of the year related to the papers of Rudolph and Gerda Freudenberg (**PP/RKF**). The contents of several boxes were badly damaged by mould and required treatment before they could be housed with the rest of the collection.

Further papers of Florence Fenwick Miller (**GC/228**) were conserved; the sheets were cleaned, repaired and placed in melinex sleeves.

The photographs of Melanie Klein (**PP/KLE**) were cleaned, repaired and placed in melinex sleeves, spot-welded in place, preparatory to being housed in a specially constructed box. A welcome contribution to the cost

of this work (undertaken by an external conservator) was made by the Melanie Klein Trust, to whom we extend our thanks.



Photographs of Melanie Klein as a young girl, with her brother and sister and other family members (PP/KLE/60-64)



Images from the newly covered Melanie Klein photographs (PP/KLE/A.60-64, A.70-73, A.158-159)

The final conservation project of the year related to the 95 notebooks of John A V Bates (**GC/179**), which were vulnerable to damage by handling. They have been cleaned, repaired, sewn rather than stapled, and put in new folders.

The papers of Sir Albert Ruskin Cook (1870–1951) (**PP/COO**) include microfilm copies of records held by the Makerere University Medical School, Mulago Hospital, Kampala, Uganda. These records include minutes, patient registers, case notes and photographs for Mengo Hospital, the Lady Coryndon Maternity Training School, Mulago Hospital, and the First Royal Society Sleeping Sickness Commission to Uganda, 1902. In order to facilitate research on these records by a MA student at Merton College, Oxford, CMAC arranged for microfilm copies of several of these films (**PP/COO/M.1–6, 12–25**) to be made and lent to Merton College Library.

READERSHIP AND COLLECTIONS USE

Western Manuscripts

Public enquiries answered by email, fax and letter totalled 170 (169 last year). Some 160 individual readers consulted material from the Western Manuscripts collections during the year (158 in 1998/99). The number of recorded reader-visits was 513 (549 last year). These statistics include visits by Professor Roy Church and Dr Tilli Tansey, and their research assistants, to consult Wellcome company records on temporary deposit in the Library from Glaxo Wellcome, and Ms Caroline Overy to use letters of T H Huxley, on temporary loan from the Royal College of Physicians, for a proposed edition of the correspondence of Huxley with Sir Michael Foster.

Some thirty readers consulted manuscripts written before 1600, the majority from overseas. Other manuscripts in high demand included early modern recipe collections, the Hunter-Baillie papers, the Hodgkin papers, the Hobson papers, correspondence of Florence Nightingale, and the Clah diaries. Classes were held in the Wellcome Building by Professor David Ganz and Dr Cornelius O'Boyle in October, December and February, at which a range of medieval manuscripts were displayed and discussed.

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Reader enquiries answered by letter, fax, and email, numbered *c.*460, and there were in addition *c.* 650 enquiries dealt with by short emails or telephone. This is a large advance over last year (144, excluding brief email/telephone exchanges) even if changes in methods of recording (to reflect the increasingly important role of email), and the contribution to the total of queries generated by Hosprec going online, are factored in. Recorded reader-visits totalled 801.

Some 2080 boxes (*c.* 7050 items) were produced for 303 readers (227 new readers and 76 old readers). As usual the majority were pursuing academic research at some level (from undergraduate dissertations to post-doctoral projects) but there was a significant representation of media researchers, individuals undertaking private projects, and officers of organisations requiring access to their archives held here. The majority were from the UK but there was the expected significant percentage (well over 25%) from abroad – 83 in total (44 from North America, 24 from Europe including the Republic of Ireland, 8 from Australasia, 5 from Asia and 2 from South and Central America).

A total of 120 collections (excluding RAMC and WA) was consulted. Those having most readers were (in order):

SA/FPA (32); SA/MWF (21); PP/MCS (15); PP/KLE (14); SA/BMA (14); SA/QNI (13); SA/EUG (12)

The most heavily used collections in terms of numbers of productions were:

SA/MAC (635); PP/KLE (562); PP/MCS (541); SA/MWF (425); SA/QNI (378); SA/FPA (326); SA/EUG (228)

Royal Army Medical Corps Muniment Collection (RAMC)

67 readers consulted items from the RAMC collection. Productions totalled 840 items from 420 boxes.

Wellcome Archives (WA)

It is gratifying to note that following the cataloguing of these archives they were extremely well used in the course of the year, with 521 productions: most of these (359) were to the 31 readers consulting WA/HMM. 5 readers used WA/HSW, 3 WA/BSR, 2 WA/CRL and 1 WA/PRL.

Uncatalogued collections

Material from the following uncatalogued collections was made available to donors or members of the depositing body: Medical Research Council Blood Group Unit, British Association for Psychotherapy, British Society of Immunology, British Microcirculation Society, Patients' Association, Professor JC Waterlow; and from the following, by special arrangement, to researchers: Maurice Pappworth, Pioneer Health Centre Peckham, Marthe Vogt, RK Freudenberg, Wendy Savage, Sir Richard Doll, Medical Research Council Blood Group Unit, Ann Dally, blood donor certificates (**GC/246**), and uncatalogued recent accessions of the archives of the Health Visitors' Association, Family Planning Association, and Birth Control Trust.

Staff use

Around 550 boxes were produced for CMAC staff for presentations to tour groups, exhibitions, answering queries, researching articles and talks, picture research for in-house publications, and arranging reprography for distance users (this figure does not include material brought over in bulk for listing). Around 80 boxes were produced for other Library staff members, Publishing and the Exhibitions Unit.

VISITORS TO

Archives and Manuscripts

In connection with archives here or likely to come here

Rev Dr Anne Bayley re her papers on Kaposi's sarcoma and AIDS in Zambia and East Africa

Dr DC Davies, Secretary/Treasurer of the London Committee of Anatomy, to discuss the disposal of unwanted London Committee of Licensed Teachers of Anatomy records

Dr Christopher Gardner-Thorpe to discuss depositing the archives of the World Federation of Neurology

Dr Hugh Jenkins, about the archives of the British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition

Dot Lingwood, Caroline Miller and Anna Sewerniak, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, regarding the CSP archive and transfer of more material

Julia Maidment and David Seidel of the Cancer Research Campaign to discuss cataloguing of the Campaign's archives

Dr WT Orton, formerly Deputy MOH of Haringey, re his collection of weekly bulletins of the Public Health Department (these eventually went to Haringey Local Studies Library)

Representatives of Quaritch and Bloomsbury Book Auctions to see Acheson papers for valuation

Dr EH Reynolds, and Dr and Mrs Mainardi (on a separate occasion), re archives of International League against Epilepsy

Martin Rosenberg regarding the Physiological Society's slides and photographs

The Director-General of Army Medical Services, with Capt P Starling of the RAMC Museum, and other officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps, to see the reading room exhibition 'A Surgeon's Art: Charles Bell and Surgery in the Napoleonic Period' and have a tour of the stacks

Prof Patricia Tippet, to assist in identifying BGU photos

Dr Ian Tait and Dr Philip Evans, re GP papers

Sheila Thompson of the Group Analytic Society re transfer of archives in the light of a pending office move

Prof F Vilardell, World Organisation of Gastroenterology, to deliver additional records

Prof JJ Weening, International Society of Nephrology, to discuss Society's archives

Dr H Beric Wright, about cassette tapes of interviews for a never-published joint biography of his mother, Helena Wright, and her sister, the child psychologist Margaret Lowenfeld, and possible additions to our existing collection of Wright's papers

Other Visitors

Robert Baxter, Kings College, London, to discuss the AIM25 archive networking project

Jill Duncan, Pearl King and Riccardo Steiner of British Psychoanalytical Society, to see the archive strongrooms

Antonia Byatt, Director, National Library of Women (formerly the Fawcett Library), to discuss various matters of mutual interest

Vicky Ellis, COT, to receive conservation advice

Staff of the Family Planning Association, to see the reading room exhibition '70 years of the Family Planning Association'

Professor Peter Gordon to discuss a possible course unit for Royal Free Hospital medical students on Gender, Health, and Medicine and arrangements for student projects

Fran Knight regarding the Wellcome Archives

Francis Little, undergraduate considering becoming an archivist

Susan McGann, Archivist, RCN

Dr Pamela Michael, University of Wales at Bangor, to discuss RSPL proposal for survey of archives relating to medicine and health in Wales

Paul Postlethwaite, conservator

Science Museum to collect blood transfusion apparatus

Anne Thompson, Archives Assistant, Marks and Spencer Archives

Groups

Members of Archives and Manuscripts staff participated in tours for the following groups:

Cambridge Libraries Group

Finnish medical visitors

Friends of the British Library

Friends of the Wellcome Institute

International Congress of Medical Librarianship delegates
institute of Historical Research students

Library Association Retired Members Guild

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine MSc students

Royal Free Hospital students

SOAS MA in Medical Anthropology students
Thai university professors
UCL (Intercalated BSc) medical students
UCL Oriental and African bibliography students
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth archive students
University of North Carolina Oxford Program participants
University of the Third Age (Harrow) students
University of Warwick students
Wellcome Unit (Oxford) MA students
Wellcome Trust new staff

Visits by staff

In connection with archives

Glaxo Wellcome, Greenford, to discuss transfer of records of the Wellcome Foundation
Len Goodwin, to collect more Burroughs material
Dr Doris Hollander, East Finchley, to collect archives of CONCERN (campaign for the mentally-ill homeless)
International Confederation of Midwives, Chiswick, to advise on further transfer of archives
Julia Maidment, Cancer Research Campaign, to discuss archive and list those still held at Campaign offices
Stella Mason, RCS, to discuss Sir Terence English's papers
Edith Morgan, OBE, Highgate, re her records of mental health organisations and campaigns
Ruth Rosen, Hampstead, for further discussions on the papers of her late husband Ismon Rosen
Health Education Authority
Pam Usher, Society of Medical Officers of Health, to collect papers
Lord Walton, Oxford, to discuss his papers
Mr Winter, Ealing, to collect archives of his father, Dr Hans Winter

Other

Sue Donnelly, London School of Economics, to see CAIRS database
Jill Duncan, Pearl King and Riccardo Steiner of British Psychoanalytical Society, to discuss preservation issues
Heather Forbes and Sarah Lewin, Hampshire County Record Office, to see CALM database

Cathy Thornton, Royal College of Physicians, to see ADLIB database
Jonathan Liebenau, LSE, re the pharmaceutical industry for Silas Burroughs research

Andrew Tatham, Royal Geographical Society, to discuss funding of Society's library and archive expansion project

University of Wales Conference Centre, Gregynog, for a meeting about the RSLP funding proposal for a survey of medical and health archives in Wales

SURVEYS

Hospital Records Project

After many years of work the Wellcome Trust/Public Record Office Hospital Records Database went live online at the beginning of 2000 (<http://hospitalrecords.pro.gov.uk>). As well as publicising it ourselves in various places, we noted that it was a pick of the Internet Scout Report maintained at the University of Wisconsin, which commented 'While the target audience of this database -- researchers in British medical history [this rather underestimates its appeal to genealogists and family historians!] -- is rather specialized, this new resource will prove extremely useful for these scholars and their students'. Also it received wide unsolicited publicity on the internet on both medical history and family history sites. A comment on the Science, Technology and Health Care Archives Forum was 'Looking at these records I'm amazed at - and grateful for - the staggering compilation job the project team undertook.'

The new availability of the database has generated a considerable number of emendations and corrections from repositories, as well as numerous enquiries from users, and the database is being regularly added to and updated in the online version. A help file to assist in navigating the online database was added. There are now over 2900 entries representing the records of some 2750 hospitals. Work is proceeding for linking with the A2A (Access to Archives) project which makes finding aids of local repositories available on online.

Medical Archives and Manuscripts Survey (MAMS)

Progress has been made to provide remote access to the MAMS survey reports, hitherto only available in hard-copy in the Wellcome Library. The data have now been converted into .pdf format and new introductory text written. It is expected that the data should go live in early 2001.

Business Archives Council Database Surveys

The BAC archivist completed the update of the Pharmaceutical Industry database, and the updated version is now available in the Wellcome Library. The survey of records relating to veterinary medicine has been completed, and we look forward to making it too available in the near future.

MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

October 1999

- 5 Copyright training, Wellcome Library (JS, AL, HW, CH)
- 25 Copyright training, Wellcome Library (AE)
- 26 Alternative Medicine meeting, Wellcome Trust (AL, JS)
- 27 European EAD users day, Public Record Office (LH)
AIM25 project meeting, Imperial College (CH, JS)
- 28 Society of Archivists descriptive standards training course,
Imperial College (chaired by HW)

November 1999

- 15–19 Leprosy History Project meeting, Abidjan, Ivory Coast (JS)
- 19–21 North American Conference on British Studies, Boston MA (LH)
- 17–18 EAD workshop, PRO (HW)
- 30 Society of Archivists descriptive standards training, Newcastle (AL)

December 1999

- 2 Legal Awareness training, Wellcome Trust (HW, AE, AL, CH)
- 6 AMARC winter meeting, Birmingham University Library (RA)
- 8 UNESCO Thesaurus day, PRO (HW)

February 2000

- 5 Royal Historical Society conference, 'Privacy and Secrecy: the Historian's Interest', Institute of Historical Research (LH)
- 17 AIM25 project meeting, SOAS (CH)

March 2000

- 7/9 Innopac training, Wellcome Library (AL, AE, JS)
- 17 Wellcome Institute symposium, 'Health Problems in the Mercantile Marine: Historical Perspectives' (LH)
- 25 Conference, 'Women and Literary Bohemianism', Kingston University (LH)
- 28–29 Presentation skills training, Wellcome Trust (AE)

April 2000

- 6 Society of Archivists training event, 'Raising your profile within your organisation' (HW)
- 12–15 European Conference on Historical Social Sciences, Free University, Amsterdam (LH)
- 18 London and the Wider World (Access to Archives) project meeting, British Library (CH)

May 2000

- 2 Meeting at University of Wales Conference Centre, Gregynog, to discuss University of Wales funding proposal to RSLP for survey of health records in Wales (LH)
- 23 Seminar on disaster management, British Library (AL)
- 31 London and the Wider World project meeting, British Library (CH)

June 2000

- 15 Internet searching training, Wellcome Trust (AE)
- 27 Health Archivists Group meeting, Wellcome Library (HW)
- 27–29 Colloquium, 'La Mémoire de la Science', Paris (JS)

July 2000

- 4 AMARC AGM, York Minster Archives (RA)/Int. Congress of Librarianship, Wellcome Trust (JS)
- 6 Opening of UK Centre for the History of Nursing, Edinburgh (AL)
- 12 Summer conference of the Institute of Contemporary British History, 'Aspects of Gender in Contemporary Britain' (LH)
- 20 Data protection course, University College London (AL and HW)

August 2000

- 22 Society of Archivists EAD/data exchange group meeting, PRO (CH, JS)

September 2000

- 4 Memorial service for S M Burroughs (JS)
- 7 'Victorian Cultures' conference, University of Hertfordshire (LH)
- 8 Business Archives Council symposium on the Historical Records of Veterinary Medicine, London Zoo (AL, JS, HW)
- 27 Preservation awareness training, University of Oxford (AL and HW)

Committees

External committees were attended as follows:

AMARC committee (RA Meetings Secretary)

Charity Archivists and Records Managers (AL)

Global History of Leprosy Project committee (JS)

Journal of the History of Sexuality, Associate Editor (LH)

Linnean Society Library committee (RA)

National Cataloguing Unit for Archives and Contemporary Scientists advisory committee (JS)

Parliamentary Archives automation working party (CH)

Social History of Medicine, editorial board (LH)

Women's History Review, editorial board, (LH)

Radiology History committee (JS)

Royal Society Library committee (JS)

Society of Archivists Specialist Repositories Group committee and training representative (HW)

Society of Archivists/Records Management Society data protection working group (JS to May 2000, HW from June 2000)

University of Wales Health Records Survey Project, project board (LH)

RESEARCH, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Research

Lesley Hall was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society early in 2000. She continued her research on sexual attitudes and behaviour in nineteenth and twentieth century Britain and has now signed a contract with publishers IB Tauris to produce her biography of Stella Browne. During the year she was consulted in person (apart from telephone and email enquiries) by the following researchers about their projects in this subject area: Cath Blackledge, possible research on women and sex therapy in the UK; Nancy Chilton, to record interview on Margaret Sanger for student project; Sally Newman, lesbians and literary modernism in the early twentieth century; Gail Rinchey, dissertation on the clitoris; Claire Scrine, nymphomania in the nineteenth century; Ann Elisabeth Stuart, MPhil on Henry Allbutt and nineteenth century malthusianism; Rebecca Walkers, dissertation on women doctors and VD; Sonia Warfield, to film interview for student documentary project on the Pill.

Presentations:

Amanda Engineer

Presentation to Library General Staff Meeting, 'The Archives of the Society of Medical Officers of Health', 21 Oct 1999

Lesley Hall

"A survival ... of stoning, branding, burning": Stella Browne and the campaign for Abortion Law Reform, 1912–1955' as part of panel 'Family Values in Public and Private: Octavia Hill, Eleanor Marx, and Stella Browne', at the NACBS, Boston, 21 Nov 1999

'Arrows of desire: British sexual utopians of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and the politics of health', History Department Seminar, University of Wales at Cardiff, 19 Jan 2000; also at Seminar Series 'Rethinking Health and its Social Relations in Historical and Contemporary Contexts', Schools of Humanities and Health Sciences, Oxford Brookes University, 22 Feb 2000

"A matter of exceptional difficulty": venereal diseases in the mercantile marine', at Wellcome Institute Symposium, 'Health Problems in the Mercantile Marine: Historical Perspectives', 17 Mar 2000

The knowledge in my own person”: Stella Browne making the case for abortion law reform’, part of panel ‘The Law and its Limits: the legal parameters of sexual regulation in England 1918–1960’, in the Sexuality thread at the European Conference on Historical Social Sciences, Free University, Amsterdam, 15 Apr 2000

Informal talk to MSc students, Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Imperial College London, about using archival resources in CMAC and elsewhere for their dissertation projects, 7 June 2000

Plenary lecture, ‘Eyes tightly shut, lying rigidly still and thinking of England? British women and sex from Marie Stopes to Hite 2000’, at the 14th Summer Conference of the Institute of Contemporary British History, ‘Aspects of Gender in Contemporary Britain’; also chaired the other plenary lecture and was discussant for panel session ‘Gender, sexuality and singleness’. 12 July 2000

‘Arrows of desire: British sexual utopians and the politics of public health’, ‘Victorian Cultures’ conference, University of Hertfordshire, 7 Sept 2000

Chris Hilton

Presentation at Basic Archive Skills Training Day, London, on choosing an automated system, 7 Sept 2000

Julia Sheppard

‘Privacy and Secrecy: the Historian’s Interest’, at Royal Historical Society Conference, Privacy and Medical Records, Institute of Historical Research, 5 Mar 2000 (presented by Lesley Hall)

Presentation on Sir Henry Wellcome and his medical museum collections at a Colloquium in Paris, ‘La Mémoire de la Science’, 27–29 June 2000

Publications:

Richard Aspin

“Medical Archives and Manuscripts News, 1999”, *Medical History*, 2000, **44**: 112–14 (with Julia Sheppard and Chris Hilton)

“The Parisian diary of William Makepeace Thackeray”, *Friends of the Wellcome Institute Newsletter*, 2000, **20**: 2–3

Amanda Engineer

‘Wellcome and “The Great Past”’, *Medical History* 2000, **44**: 389–404

Lesley Hall

‘“War always brings it on”: War, STDs, the military, and the civilian population in Britain, 1850–1950’ in *Medicine and Modern Warfare*, edited by Roger Cooter, Mark Harrison, and Steve Sturdy (Amsterdam, Rodopi, 1999), pp. 205–223

‘“What a lot there is still to do”: Stella Browne carrying the struggle ever onward’ in *A Suffrage Reader. Charting directions in British suffrage history*, edited by Claire Eustance, Joan Ryan and Laura Ugolini (London: Leicester University Press - A Cassells imprint, 2000)

‘How was it for you?’ in *Trustlink: The Staff Newsletter of the Wellcome Trust*, Apr 2000, p. 11

Sex, Gender and Social Change in Britain since 1880, European Culture and Society Series (London, Macmillan, 2000)

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‘Malthusian mutations: the changing politics and moral meanings of birth control in Britain’, in *Malthus, Medicine, and Morality: ‘Malthusianism’ after 1798* edited by Brian Dolan (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2000), pp. 141–163

Reviews: *American Historical Review*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *Continuity and Change*, *Reviews in History* (online at Institute of Historical Research)

Interview with Andrew Green for BBC Radio 4 ‘Random Edition’ programme on Marie Stopes libel case, broadcast 22 Nov 1999

Appeared in brief historical segment at the beginning of London Weekend Television, ‘Love Bites Back’ debate on the government and sex education, 11 Aug 2000

Took part in a discussion on Margaret Sanger on ‘Woman’s Hour’ BBC Radio 4, 11 May 2000

Recorded an interview for forthcoming Radio 4 series 'Victorian Marriage Beds' George Eliot programme, 11 May 2000

Recorded an interview for HTV-Wales on the history of vibratory massagers, 11 July 2000

Recorded an interview with Ian Hislop for forthcoming Radio 4 programme on the Contagious Diseases Acts, 6 Sept 2000

Chris Hilton

Article on Lady Ann Fanshawe's recipe book (MS.7117) in *TrustLink*, June 2000, p. 2

See also under Richard Aspin

Annie Lindsay

'The archivist will see you now: An introduction to the Contemporary Medical Archives Centre', in *Metlines*, Feb 2000 (with Helen Wakely)

Julia Sheppard

Leprosy Archives: Preserve them (International Leprosy Association in collaboration with International Archives Council, 2000); Global History of Leprosy Project booklet (with Helen Forde)

'Sir Ernst Boris Chain and the International Centre for Microbiological Chemistry at the Istituto Superiore di Sanità', in Vol 17 *Memorie di Scienze Fisiche e Naturali*, Rendiconti della Accademeia Nazionale a della Scienze dei XL7, serie 5, vol XXIII, 3, 1, 1999

Helen Wakely

See under Annie Lindsay

In addition, staff compiled several notices, mainly relating to new acquisitions, for the Library's website.

OTHER

Archives and Manuscripts staff curated the following reading room exhibitions during the year:

‘70 years of the Family Planning Association’, 20 Mar–5 May 2000 (Lesley Hall and Helen Wakely)

‘A Surgeon’s Art: Charles Bell and surgery in the Napoleonic period’, 8 May–30 June 2000 (Annie Lindsay and Helen Wakely)

‘The English Patient: Victorian medical tourism and the Continent’, 29 Aug–20 Oct 2000 (Richard Aspin)

Items from the archives and manuscripts were also included in the Alternative Medicine exhibition, 6-17 Mar 2000.

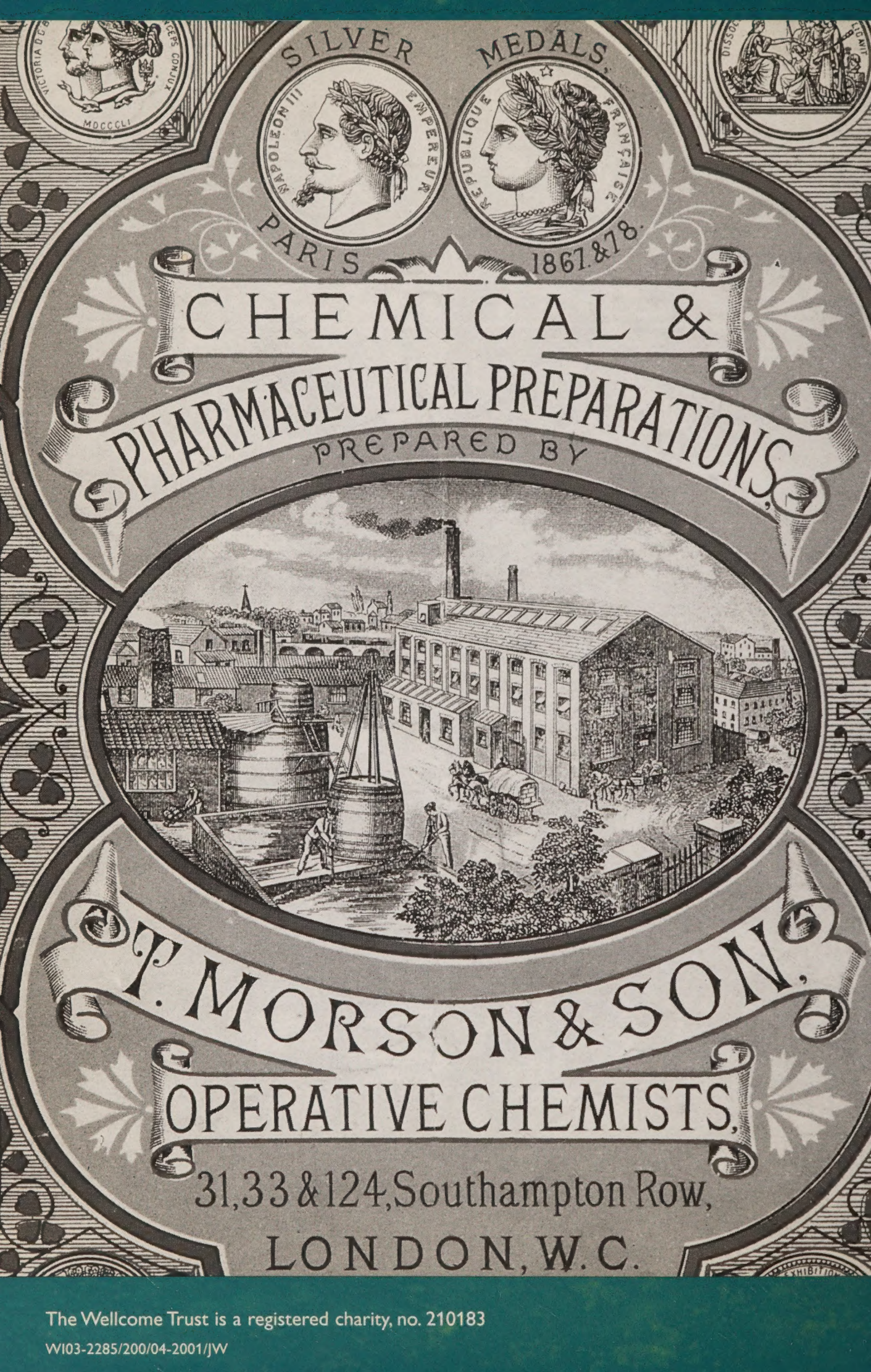
In addition, selections of material were displayed for a Wellcome Trust ‘Alternative Medicine Workshop’, 9 Nov 1999 and the Library Advisory Committee meeting, 9 June 2000.

The Wellcome Apocalypse (Western MS.49) was on display in the British Museum exhibition ‘The Apocalypse and the Shape of Things to Come’ for much of the year under review.

In March 2000 a quantity of letters from T H Huxley to Sir Michael Foster were deposited on temporary loan by the archivist of the Royal College of Physicians, to facilitate the project to edit the correspondence of these individuals.

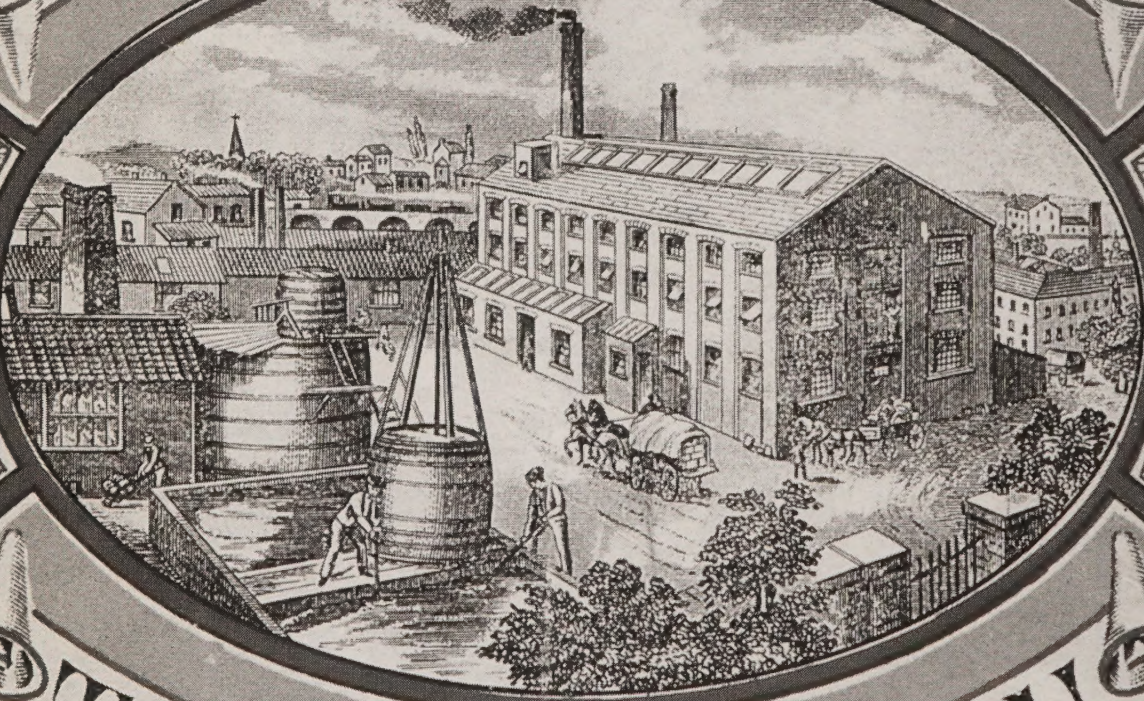
Amanda Engineer participated as a tour guide of the Wellcome Building on ‘Open House’ Day, 23 Sept 2000.

We had two archive placement students from University College London, Louise Todd for a listing project (and subsequently for her dissertation listing project) and Moira Lovegrove, for a management study. Michael Townsend, a library placement student, also spent some time in CMAC. We are also grateful to Victoria North, a UCL archive student, who came as a volunteer and undertook a number of useful tasks.



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